

# OPJS House - Minerva



**Name:** Minerva (Athene – Greek name)

**Dates:** Roman goddess

## **Information:**

Minerva was the Roman goddess of wisdom. Her symbol was the owl and her Greek name was Athene.

Minerva/Athene was born in a strange way. One day, the god Jupiter (her father), had a headache. Nothing would cure it so Vulcan split open Jupiter's head. Out jumped Minerva in armour, with a shield and a spear!

Minerva/Athene was the goddess of arts and crafts and she appears in many Greek Myths. She helped Perseus to kill the gorgon Medusa and turned Arachne into a spider.